

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were previously pending. Claims 14, 16, and 20 are amended. Claim 15 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No claims are added. Claims 1-14, and 16-27 remain pending.

Allowed Claims

The Office Action indicates that Claims 1-13, and 27 are allowed as the prior art fails to teach a system and method as disclosed in the present application. Applicants agree.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 15-26 are indicated to be allowable if certain amendments are made. These and other claims are amended as indicated below and are now allowable over the prior art.

Claim 15 has been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Independent Claim 14 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 15, now canceled. Thus, Claim 14 is now allowable. Claim 27 depends on claim 14, and is therefore also allowable.

Claims 16 and 20 have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 16 and 20 have been amended to include the limitations previously included in claim 14. Therefore, Claims 16 and 20 are now rewritten independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 14, and are now allowable.

Claims 17-19 depend from claim 16. Claims 21-26 depend from claim 20. Therefore, Claims 17-19 and 21-26 are also allowable.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

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Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Steffens et al. (US Patent No. 6,301,370). Claim 14 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 15, and is now allowable. Therefore, the rejection is now moot.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes, after this response, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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